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HAS 100 PER CENT RECORD

PROSECUTOR GETS 113 CONVICTION OF 113 CASES IN 1925.

THE DRIEST IN STATE

Most Bootleggers Now Give Nodaway Wide Berth.—Sheriff Also Makes Report.

A 100 per cent record for convictions was made by George Pat Wright, prosecuting attorney, during the year 1925 according to his report as filed with the County Court today. Of the 113 cases submitted to courts and juries, there were 113 convictions. The aggregate fines assessed were $6,500 with fines and penalties actually collected and paid to the county treasurer for use of school fund of $3,518.

Other high lights of the report, which also includes the report of Sheriff Lowell Campbell, are:

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Tot[illegible] amount of costs paid by county in cases filed and disposed of during 1925, $56.95.

Number of penitentiary sentences, 18.

Aggregate fines assessed, $6,500.00.

Fines and penalties actually collected and paid to the county treasurer, to use of school fund, $3,518.00.

Total number of jail prisoners, 162.

Total time served by all prisoners, 4151 days.

Besides jail sentences imposed, many served jail time, due to fines imposed and unpaid because of insolvency. Some of the jail time was for prisoners held temporarily for investigation, for which purpose a prisoner may be held 20 hours. Some others were held in default of bond. A further portion of the fines imposed and uncollected will be collected.

Mr. Wright states that from 60 to 65 per cent of all of the cases were liquor cases. Of those going to the penitentiary practically all were convicted of burglary and larceny.

Nodaway County leads the state in the enforcement of the prohibition law, and is now known as the driest county of the state. Such a report is all over the state and is often spoken of by members of the bar, school officers and police officers. On account of the enforcement of the prohibition law, many bootleggers who were known to have transacted business here before have given this county a wide berth, and have gone to parts unknown.

Mr. Wright says:

"Of course, Sheriff Campbell and myself are proud of the record during the year 1925. We have tried to do everything we can to enforce the prohibition law as well as all other laws, and I believe the county can justly lay claims to being the driest county in the state. It is true there may be a few violations of the prohibition law but we are trying to do everything we can to catch them. We intend to keep this record up. It is reduced now to an absolute minimum."

Guilford Citizens Vote $1,000 Bond Issuance

Big Majority Given Proposal To Purchase Additional Fire-Fighting Apparatus For Town.

By a vote of 47 to 1, the citizens of Guilford yesterday voted in favor of a $1,000 bond issue to purchase additional fire-fighting apparatus for the town. The bonds will be sold at an early date and the apparatus purchased immediately thereafter.

On October 14 there was a disastrous fire at Guilford in which two buildings were destroyed at an approximate loss of $15,000. The election yesterday was called largely as a result of this fire.

Hughes & Felton of Nodaway County sold a two car shipment of 1447 pound steers on Wednesday's market at St. Joseph at $9.35.

Mrs. Caldwell to Wisconsin.

Mrs. D. A. Caldwell will leave tonight for Wausau, Wis., where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Sullivan, for several weeks.

A suit filed yesterday for back taxes was by the Skidmore-Maitland drainage district against J. P. Wilson. The amount of back taxes is $46.19.

Grandstand Collapses; Number Are Injured

Crowd Waiting To See Tournament Of Roses Parade At Pasadena—Police Give First Aid.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—A temporary grandstand, filled with several hundred people who were waiting to see the Tournament of Roses parade, collapsed here today, injuring a large number of them.

At least 100 were injured, eye witnesses estimated.

Police pressed 100 private automobiles into service to aid in removing injured to various hospitals. Most of those in the stands were women. Only those on the front, lower benches escaped injury or shock.

Police quieted reports that there were several deaths.

83 ARRESTED IN YEAR 1925

NUMBER IS NEARLY DOUBLE THAT FOR 1924.

SPEEDING BIG CAUSE

Arrests on That Charge Total 40 as Compared With 7—Fines Total $440 and Costs $490.40.

Police officers of Maryville made eighty-three arrests during the year 1925, according to the records in Judge W. L. Johnson's office. Judge Johnson is city police judge.

This is nearly double the arrests made by the city officers during the previous year, when there were only forty-three.

Of the persons arrested, seventy-eight were tried and fined in police court. Forty of these arrests were for speeding, fourteen for drunkenness, ten for turning across the street other than at intersections, four for failure to pay dog tax, three for assault, two for passing another car around intersection, two for failure to have auto license plate, one for disturbing the peace, one for gaming, and one for lewdness.

During 1924 also, there were fourteen arrests for drunkenness. The big increase during 1925 was for speeding, there being forty as compared to seven the previous year.

The fines during 1925 amounted to $440 and the costs paid were $490.40.

One disturbing the peace case was dismissed. A case on a charge of vagrancy also was dismissed. Another case dismissed was parking auto within ten feet of fire hydrant.

A case charging the unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor was dismissed on payment of costs. A charge of solicitation of woman was also dismissed on payment of costs. The fine was remitted in one case of operating a motor car carelessly.

W. L. Ruddell Dies at Home Near Maryville

76-Year-Old Farmer Had Lived in Northwest Missouri Almost Continuously Since 1865.

W. L. Ruddell, 76 years old, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his home northeast of Maryville. He had been in failing health for three years.

The funeral will probably be held Sunday afternoon with the Odd Fellows in charge of the services. The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Mr. Ruddell was born May 2, 1849, near McComb, Ill. He moved to the Burr Oak neighborhood with his parents in 1865 and had lived in Northwest Missouri ever since with the exception of two years in Kansas. He moved to Maryville in 1901.

He was married to Miss Lena Wertz on Sept. 25, 1878, at Boonville, Ind. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Spencer of Maryville and Mrs. W. E. Linville of Skidmore.

Four grandchildren and four brothers and four sisters also survive. They are: Mrs. Walter Ward, Mrs. Mary Garnett, Mrs. Charles Brown, Hays Ruddell, Skidmore; Ed Ruddell, Fairfax; Ferd Ruddell and Grant Ruddell, Custer City, Okla.; Mrs. Charles Ward, Harman, Okla. He joined the M. E. Church in early manhood and was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

200 Licenses Issued.

About 200 hunting licenses have been issued so far for the new year by Fred W. Smith, county clerk. Mr. Smith predicts he will issue about 1,500 during this year. Last year the total number issued was 1,566.

A HARD YEAR ON DAN CUPID

HE MAKES 209 MATCHES BUT 37 OTHERS GO WRONG.

JUNE LEADING MONTH

With 23 Licenses It Justifies Title of "Month of Brides" For 12 Months Just Ended.

June—traditionally the month of brides—came back into its own in 1925.

For at least the two years preceding the one just closed, the month has not deserved its glory, so far as Nodaway County is concerned, but a survey of the 1925 marriage license records in the office of Mrs. Mamie Clardy, county recorder, restores it to the good graces of one Dan Cupid. June led all the months in 1925 with twenty-three licenses.

September, high month of 1924, and December, the most popular in 1923, fell short in 1925. August again was a favorite month, and July remained apparently the least desirable.

For the year, the total was nearly the same, 209 in 1925 as against 210 in the preceding year. Hymen's net gain, however, was much smaller. There were 37 divorces in 1925 and only 17 in 1924.

The ratio of divorces to marriages thus increased from 1 to every 12.35 in 1924 to 1 in every 5.65 in 1925.

More Wives Sue.

Twenty-three of the divorces in 1925 were granted to outraged wives, while husbands with various grievances obtained fourteen severances. At the January term of Circuit Court, four decrees were granted to wives and five to husbands. At the April term ten wives petitioned successfully and only four husbands and at the October term three were nine wives to seek the return to single blessedness and only five husbands.

At the marriage license office, Maryville's reputation as the "Gretna Green" of Northwest Missouri continued to flourish. Many a runaway match from Iowa culminated in the courthouse here, and there was good representation from other counties in Missouri and even fr[illegible] Kansas and Nebraska.

I Out O[illegible] ree From Iowa.

In almost one out of every three licenses issued here in 1925, one or both of the principals were from points in Iowa. There were 66 such marriages. Bedford, Clarinda, Blanchard, Braddyville and Creston are names of Iowa towns seen frequently on the records. Council Bluffs sent several couples and so did its neighbor across the river, Omaha.

Most of the couples who left home to get their licenses went right ahead and had the knot tied as quickly as possible. W. L. Johnson, who long has had the title of the "marrying squire" in these parts, said the fatal words for the majority of them. He officiated in thirty-seven marriages in 1925,and that is counting only those who secured their licenses at the local office.

Probate Judge Jesse F. Robertson, whose office in the courthouse makes him "handy," came next to Justice Johnson with twenty-two weddings.

Mitchell Leads Pastors.

The Rev. R. A. Mitchell, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, led the ministers with twenty-five, and the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass, former pastor of the First Christian Church, now in evangelistic work, came next with fifteen. These figures include only the couples who secured licenses here, and there are five or six licenses on which no return has been made.

Subject to the same condition, the records of other local ministers are as follows:

S. P. Allison, First Presbyterian Church, 10; C. C. James, First Methodist Church, 9; Guy L. Prather, First Baptist Church, 8; Fr. Henry F. Niemann, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6; R. E. Musgrave, First Christian Church, 3; Fr. Richard Felix, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2; T. J. Puckett, retired, 2.

The Rev. C. M. Chilton of St. Joseph, a former Maryville pastor, was called to officiate in four cases, and the Rev. Samuel D. Harkness, now in Kansas City, officiated once.

W. A. Townsend, a justice of the peace, performed one ceremony and celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Four By Hopkins Minister.

The Rev. W. C. Harper, Methodist minister at Hopkins, lead the pastors of the county outside of Maryville

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226 Puppies Wear 1925 Licenses; 135 Others Have to Die

Maryville's dog population today, theoretically, is 226.

At any rate this is the number of licenses issued by the city during 1925, and every puppy who attains the age of 6 months is supposed to be licensed, you know.

"Wear a tag or die" is the law laid down for the canine population. The number of dogs executed during the year by the city's executioner totaled 135, and others were dispatched by owners. The city pays its dog undertaker $1 for each funeral.

ENTERS 1926 IN PEACE ROLE

UNITED STATES IS PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY.

OPINIONS ARE GIVEN

Robinson Of Arkansas Sees Bright Future For Democrats—Curtis—Kansas, Proud Of G. O. P.

(By International News)

The year 1926, dropping out of the misty veil of the future, finds the United States of America at peace with all the world but with conflicting political battle lines.

The chosen spokesmen of the great political organizations of the country have written their outlook of the new New Year for International News Service. The Republicans point to the Coolidge economy program, general prosperity and a contented people. The Democrats and progressives challenge the prosperity, pointing to the agricultural situation and contend the administration is a government intrigued by monopoly.

(By Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democrat of Arkansas.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The new year 1926 promises a good future to the Democratic party. Factionalism which divided our councils in the last national election has almost disappeared.

I believe that the Democrats will have increased representative in both houses of Congress after the 1926 election. Of the thirty-three seats to be filled in the Senate, only seven are now occupied by Democrats and we can assuredly retain them all. The chances seem more than equal that a sufficient number of places now held by Republican Senators may be won, giving the Democrats control.

Frequent conferences of the representatives of the minority in the Senate with the Democratic leaders in the House have shown a gratifying degree of co-operation touching important matters. Absolute harmony and concerted action is not to be expected but no such differences are likely to arise as will impair the effectiveness of the minority in either branch.

Much of the most wholesome legislation enacted during the last four years may be fairly attributed to the Democrats in the Congress. They have not unduly opposed it in any instance and have actually improved every important measure passed.

Democratic Senators initiated the proposal for America's entrance into the World Court. We also insist that the present stand of the American public for peace throughout the civilized world should be taken advantage of to secure reduction of armament. Our government should devote its efforts to that end. Neither the World Court or any other agency can prevent those occasional conflicts of interests which may rise between nations.

Surely this is an opportune time for the United States to co-operate with the other nations in substituting amity and good will for force in international disputes.

(By Senator Charles Curtis, Republican of Kansas.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Our nation greets the new year healthy and prosperous. With the benefits of a Kind Providence scattered far and wide, the outlook for the next twelve months is surely encouraging, with all signs pointing to a continuance of prosperity for all alike.

The present wave of prosperity in which all the people are sharing will last throughout the year. The re-

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MASONS BUY EMPIRE BLDG.

COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS TODAY FOR PURCHASE.

THE PRICE IS $27,000

No Definite Plans Made for Renting of Structure—Several Offers Have Been Received.

The Maryville Masonic Building Association today purchased the Empire Theater building from Richard Kuchs. The consideration was $27,000 and possession will be given within the next few days.

Negotiations for the purchase of the building have been under way for some time but were not completed until today.

No definite plans have been made by the Masons for the use of the building, although a portion of it will be used as lodge rooms for the four Masonic organizations of Maryville. The remainder will be rented but no definite agreement has been made at the present time.

Remodeling work will get under way as soon as more definite plans are made. Several offers have been received by the Masonic association for the renting of a portion of the building and action is expected to be taken within a short time.

About four years ago the Maryville Masonic Building Association was organized. All Masons are members of the association which is governed by sixteen directors who are: C. C. Hellmers, president, F. P. Robinson, treasurer, Peter Dietz, R. P. Hosmer, Jonathan Stark, Dr. L. E. Dean, M. A. Peery, H. L. Raines, E. V. Condon, Dr. E. C. Braniger, J. E. Reece, E. W. Keck, Dr. H. L. Stinson, vice-president, Dr. F. C. Wallis, M. A. Lewis, Jr., secretary, and I. E. Tulloch.

Fred P. Robinson, Dr. E. C. Braniger, and Jonathan Stark were in charge of negotiations for the purchase of the Empire building.

About a year ago the Masons purchased the lot at the southeast corner of Third and Fillmore streets with the intention of building a club building there.

The Empire building was damaged by fire several weeks ago and shortly after the blaze the Masons started negotiations for the purchase of the structure.

Liberty Prosecutor Surrenders to Sheriff

Three Indictments Returned Against Clay County Official.—Former Justice Faces Charges.

Liberty, Mo., Jan. 1.—After three indictments were returned against him yesterday by a grand jury, Raymond Cummins, prosecutor of Clay County voluntarily surrendered himself to Sheriff John Clark here today.

It is understood the indictments charged Cummins with misconduct in office, classified as misdemeanors. Two other indictments returned jointly against Cummins and M. L. Swammer, former justice of the peace, who recently resigned and mysteriously left Liberty, were held secret.

Cummins and Swammer have been the storm center of ouster proceedings filed against them in the Circuit Clerk's office from the basis of affidavits signed by eight Clay County residents, alleging that they failed to turn over fees to proper county officers.

Just "Common Folks" Have Their Inning

All Classes Mingle at Annual White House Reception Today, Greeting President and Wife.

Washington, Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Coolidge held their annual New Year's day reception at the White House today, a function to which the public was invited without discrimination, racial, religious or otherwise.

The great unwashed came with the spic and span. Of course, the gold braid and blue book came first by prearranged schedule, but after the diplomatic officials and social elite filed through the historic blue room and grasped briefly the hands of President and Mrs. Coolidge, the same privilege was extended to the government clerk, the stenographer, the servant girl and the laborer.

Private citizens began lining up at the northwest gate shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, despite the fact that their turn for admission was not to arrive until three hours later.

Floods and Winds in Europe Take Big Toll

Thousands Are Said To Be Homeless And Hundreds Are Reported Dead —Waters Still Rising.

London, Jan. 1.—Unprecedented floods leaving dead and destruction in their wake still menace Europe.

Scores of towns in the valleys of the Rhine, Danube, Meuse and the Elbe are under water. Thousands are homeless and it is believed the total dead throughout Europe will run into several hundreds.

Gales have accompanied the floods, adding to the havoc. In northern England, the gale reached a force of a hundred miles an hour. In Brussels, the waters are still rising and damage in the towns and villages is incalculable.

ENDS HIS LIFE BY HANGING

DAVID SPUHLER, SKIDMORE FARMER COMMITTS SUICIDE.

WAS IN POOR HEALTH

Body Found Near Boarding House About Daylight This Morning—Funeral Arrangements Not Complete.

David Spuhler, about 70 years old, a bachelor farmer who has lived on a eighty-acre farm four miles southeast of Skidmore for about forty years, committed suicide by hanging at the Robbins boarding house in Skidmore sometime early this morning.

Poor health is thought to have been the cause of the suicide.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Spuhler moved to Skidmore from his farm and stayed at the Robbins boarding house. He had been in poor health for some time.

Sometime last night, Spuhler went to a woodshed near the house and hanged himself. No one heard him and his body was not discovered until about daylight this morning.

Florian Spuhler, a nephew, came to live on his uncle's farm a short time ago. He is the only known relative and is in charge of funeral arrangements which are not yet complete.

Reese Fined $1.00 on Charge of Drunkenness

Lawyer Filed Motion of Appeal of Fine to Circuit Court and Posts $100 Bond.

Wilbur Reese of Maryville was found guilty on the charge of being drunk on Sunday night, December 27, and was fined $1.00 and cost at the session of the City Police Court held at Judge Warren L. Johnson's office yesterday afternoon.

Notice of appeal to the Circuit Court was immediately filed by William G. Sawyers, Mr. Reese's lawyer, and bond of $100 was posted.

The members of the jury trying the case yesterday were: John Z. Curlutt, E. W. Johnson, Elmer Young, Ray Stewart, J. E. James, and John Vert.

The evidence in the case, as produced by the city, was to the effect that Reese was found in an intoxicated state on Sunday night at the Star Barn. Several empty bottles, which were supposed to have contained the liquor used by Reese, were produced as evidence.

Mr. Reese claims that he had been sick Sunday night. He also denies that the bottles found in the room had contained intoxicating drinks.

Mr. Reese was a candidate for nomination for mayor in the last city election.

Charred Body Found in Ruins of Building

Authorities Searching for Two Others Believed to Have Perished in Fire Which Destroys Roadhouse.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 1.—One body charred beyond identity was taken from the embers of the Elm Beach roadhouse, north of here, today and authorities are searching for two others believed to have perished in the fire. The roadhouse is said to have been heavily insured and was destroyed early today in a blaze which authorities believe is the result of a plot to collect insurance money.

Yehle Orchestra Will Broadcast From WSO

The Yehle nine-piece orchestra will broadcast from station WSO at Clarinda, Friday night, January 22. The program will be announced later.

NATION NURSES ITS HEADACHE

FEELS EFFECTS OF NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION.

LIQUOR FLOWS FREELY

In Large Cities, Popping Of Bottles Welcomes In Miss 1926—Some Casualties Reported.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Three persons were slightly wounded by stray bullets from revelers as St. Louis greeted the New Year in a hilarious celebration.

Federal prohibition agents were somewhat active, making their largest raid on the Elks Club, where quantities of liquor were confiscated from members' lockers. The club officers were arrested but later released on $1,000 bonds.

Dry agents arrived at the club early in the evening and made a thorough search of all lockers in the building. Most of the liquor taken bore the names of the individual members of the club. The officers were taken into custody on the charge of "possessing intoxicating liquor."

Kansas City, Jan. 1.—Only five arrests of alleged violators of the prohibition law attended what police say was the noisiest New Year's celebration in many years last night. Revelers continued their din until about 2 o'clock this morning in downtown clubs and cafes but extra police assigned on duty failed to find liquor.

New York, Jan 1.—The New Year was ushered in in New York today with a medley of revelry and religion. Tin horns and church chimes, popping of corks in Broadway cabarets and quiet home parties welcomed in the New Year in the nation's metropolis.

It was without doubt one of the gayest and wettest celebrations ever witnessed in the resorts along the great white way. Drunks zig-zaged their way home at 3 o'clock in the morning and thereafter. Few arrests were made.

Natick, Mass., Jan. 1.—A gay New Year's morning carnival at Beautiful Mansion Home, a famous resort near here, was turned into tragedy today following the shooting and possible fatal wounding of inspector Arthur Blake of the Chelsea police department and Tony Orlando.

Six hundred men and women, most of them in evening dress and many of them intoxicated, engaged in a wild battle. Men fought one another and women entered the combat. Those fighting had been stirred to action by the shooting. Then there was a mad break to get out of the roadhouse.

All the investigators could learn was that Blake, evidently trying to be peacemaker in an argument between two men over a girl, was shot and the same person who shot Blake also shot Orlando, it is thought.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Despite the vigilance of federal and police officers, San Francisco staggered and skidded over the New Year border line in somewhat alcoholic fashion. Liquor and lots of it was to be had for those who desired it. The drinking, however, was done with one eye on the door and the other in the bottle. Three men were shot in gun battles here before midnight.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Miss Chicago is nursing her annual headache here this morning. She is battered and bruised after a gay, noisy New Year's celebration. One dead and ten hurt was the toll of the revelry. A few raids on famous resorts were made resulting in several arrests.

Attempts Suicide After Killing Two

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 1.—After killing two of her small children and severely wounding another two, Mrs. Frank Townsley, 28, turned the gun on herself and attempted to end her own life here today.

Authorities declared the woman demented and assigned no motive for the act.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy and possibly unsettled tonight and Saturday.

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A NEW YEAR.

Perhaps midnight of New Year's Eve is really no different from any other of the 364 midnights of a year. Every day is new and offers its new gifts and new opportunities for a fresh start if that is needed, or for a good finish if it is time for that.

But the significance that our own traditions and customs have woven around the coming of the first day of January makes it a thrilling time. The ringing of the bells and the cherry greetings of friends and strangers help to give us the necessary strength to forget the mistakes and disappointments of the past year and to turn with sound hope and determination to the future. There is the hope that things will be different and that they will pull with us as never before. And there is the hope that we our selves will be different and better, that we will get hold of our own lives and spirits and will use them more wisely and happily.

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." And with the New Year we have our ever-renewed chance to cease being underlings and to get on top.

Happy New Year!

Enters 1926 In Peace Role

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sources of the government are in excellent condition, due principally to the brand of economy practiced by President Coolidge and the Republican party. It is an economy which spares no necessary expense to good government but rejects all unnecessary waste.

This policy, resulting in frequent sharp reductions of taxes, has found hearty endorsement from the great bulk of the common people.

The administration will continue to show during 1926 the friendly attitude toward business and industry, large and small, which has characterized it during the last four years.

The President has laid down a policy of using governmental agencies to foster and develop industry, commerce and business, rather than to retard them or harrass them with unnecessary intruding governmental regulations. This policy will be continued. It is very gratifying to find in Congress indications of non-political handling of important legislation as instanced by the dropping of party lines when the House enacted the new tax bill and by similar action in the Senate in the consideration of the World Court.

The record of the Republican party is and will continue to be such in the new year to entitle it to continuance in power.

"The Dust of the Earth," a drama in four acts, will be given tonight and tomorrow night at the Community Hall in Parnell, under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School. Songs, chalk talks, monologues, readings, a solo and music will be given between acts.

Mrs. R. G. Wilkerson of Savannah is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Howland.

Forrest Gooden of Kansas City came last night to join Mrs. Gooden and little daughter, Helen Marie, who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Gooden and other relatives.

New York is going to abolish wooden shingles but the kind the boys have will still be permitted.

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Willie Willis

By ROBERT QUILLEN

"Irish boys ain't such awful good fighters. Me and Pug and Skinny licked one once."

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Holiday Week Quiet in Nation's Capital

Majority Of Congressmen Have Gone Home and Legislative "Fixers" For Interests Are Idle.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer.

Washington—Holiday week is quiet in Washington, always. Congress has gone home, almost in a body. So do a majority of the department heads. The Supreme Court justices are pretty well thinned out. Lesser officialdom gets a few days leave if it can or does its best to contract a bad cold or some such thing—not serious enough to interfere but sufficiently grave to prevent going to work.

With Congress in recess there's nothing to detain the army of "fixers" for special interests which have things they want the national legislature to do or leave undone, so, for the most part they streak it for distant Christmas trees. The members of the diplomatic corps, though far from their various native lands, generally have holiday invitations hither and yon and underlings preside in their stead.

The result of this exodus is that social life, and, to a considerable extent official activity, for a period from a few days before Christmas until a few days after New Year's, nearly dies out. As for business, it's as dead as a door nail. Local merchants, hotel men and others who live on the absentees' patronage—when they're here—are used to it, however, so they don't mind.

Secretary of War Davis and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews are in hard luck. They have to spend their holidays working. Both discovered that their presence was needed on inspection trips—Davis of some army posts and Andrews of certain custom stations. It chances that these posts and stations are in Florida, and that at least is fortunate, this being the ideal time of year to visit there, while Washington at present is rather raw and cold.

East St. Joseph Road Opens January 6

Six Miles of Andrew County's First State Highway Pavement Ready for Public Use.

(Savannah Reporter).

Over the telephone yesterday morning N. R. Sack, state highway division engineer for Northwest Missouri, said that the east St. Joseph road would be open for traffic on Wednesday, Jan. 6, and not before.

"I wish you would tell those persons up there that if anyone is caught tearing down the barricades on this highway along the paving that they will be arrested and severely punished. There should be no traffic on this pavement until it is prepared and ready,' was Mr. Sack's emphatic statement.

He wishes it made clear that there are places that will be injured by traffic before it is prepared by grading and other reinforcements. He asks co-operation of the public in having good roads and needs that co-operation, that assistance, that help from all that is necessary for the making of any enterprise a success. If anyone finds, or sees, or hears of a person who molests or in any way breaks down these barricades the officials should be notified and the crime punished.

With the opening of the pavement next Wednesday there will be no ceremony, nor recognition of the fact publicly excepting to accommodate the public it will be opened for use and later the event will receive recognition with an event fitting the completion of Andrew County's first six miles of paving.

Dr. J. H. Todd Is Home.

Dr. J. H. Todd, accompanied by his son, H. C. Todd, returned this morning from Rochester, Minn., where he was taken sick while in that city with his daughter, Miss Bessie Todd. He had been there for about fifteen days. He stood the trip well. Dr. Todd will be unable to have company.

Approves Dress Worn by President's Wife

Washington, Jan. 1. (United Press).—Although not ankle length, Mrs. Coolidge's skirts are satisfactory to Mrs. John B. Henderson, Washington social arbiter who has instituted a campaign for ankle length skirts and abolition of cigaret smoking among women.

When her attention was called to the seven to ten inch height of the skirts of the First Lady, the dowager said:

"Let's not pass judgment on her. I think she dresses very properly and if all women followed her style the country would be better off."

MAY TAME A BAD CORNER

STOP SIGNS MAY BE PLACED AT FOURTH AND FILLMORE.

4TH THROUGH STREET

System Also May Be Tried On Third Street.—Careful Driving Greatest Need, Says Mayor.

At least one of the improvements suggested for Maryville in New Year interviews yesterday may be put into partial effect very soon, according to Mayor W. O. Garrett.

In breathing spells between the making out of tax receipts, the mayor indicated that the City Council has had the problem of traffic control under earnest consideration for sometime, and that while the proposed arterial system may not be used extensively at once, it will be given a trial on at least one street.

The City Council regards the intersections of Fourth and Fillmore and Third and Fillmore streets as the most dangerous corners in the city today. It is on these streets that the arterial system will first be tried.

Large shields in red, blue and white, bearing the words, "Stop. Through Street" already have been received and are ready for installation at the two intersections. The City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight, and it is possible that it may order the signs in immediately.

One fatal accident has occurred recently at the Fourth and Fillmore intersection, and there have been several minor crashes. Fourth street carries much of the traffic to and from the city to the State Teachers College and high banks on each side of Fillmore street between Third and Fourth make a full stop almost imperative for traffic about to cross or turn upon Fourth.

"I can't see that an arterial system is necessary as yet on a wholesale scale," Mayor Garrett said. "The time may come when it will be needed, but just now a little careful driving will take care of the problem very nicely. Something may have to be done, however, about the making of full turns at downtown corners."

Mound City Journal Suspends Publication

The Mound City Journal with its issue of Dec. 24, 1925, passes out of existence, according to a statement of Woody Postal, editor and proprietor. The Journal first appeared Sept. 15, 1915.

Mr. Postal's statement, in part, follows:

"With this issue of the Mound City Journal we cease publication. We find this necessary from several causes. The main cause is that we have not the money to continue the publication. Another reason is that the advertising columns have not been filled up with pay ads. Another reason is that we have around $1,200 on the subscription list unpaid. If we had this money or half of it we could see our way through.

"We started the Journal in company with W. M. Carr, the first issue being published on the 15th day of September, 1915. We have steered the paper through many storms and in our eleventh year. We regret to have to take the move but see no way clear to continue.

"During the holidays we will send out a number of statements to subscribers who are in arrears and we hope and pray that some at least will have compassion on us and send in the amount. We have tried to serve the community to the best of our ability and have had nothing but the Journal for support as the government only supports one post office."

Miss Irene Blagg, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blagg, near Graham, came to Maryville yesterday to spend a few days with friends and relatives before returning to St. Joseph where she is attending Platt's Business College.

WIFE DIVORCES GEO. A. PICKENS

HUSBAND MUST PAY DOUBLE ALIMONY HE EXPECTED.

AGREEMENT REJECTED

Kansas City Judge Denies An Easy Separation After Wife's Years of Faithfulness.

George A. Pickens, former secretary of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, had agreed to a divorce in a suit brought by his wife, Mrs. Nina D. Pickens, according to yesterday's Kansas City Star.

Alimony and a property settlement had been agreed upon in accordance with a form drawn up by Mr. Pickens and agreed to by Mrs. Pickens.

Then something went wrong.

When the case was called in court at Kansas City yesterday, Mrs. Pickens was granted her divorce, as per agreement. But Mr. Pickens will pay practically double the alimony he had expected to pay.

The Star tells the story as follows:

Judge Thad B. Landon refused today to recognize a divorce agreement made by a husband whose wife was seeking a decree, but granted the woman a divorce and awarded her a greater amount of alimony than the contract called for.

The contract for a property settlement was presented the court by Bert Steeper of the firm of Harzfeld, Beach & Steeper, the mayor's law firm. It was in the application of Mrs. Nina D. Pickens, 137 North Lawndale avenue, who asked a divorce from George Pickens, to whom she was married November 22, 1892, in Lebanon, Kans. They had separated last August 2, the wife, testified, after her husband had protested he no longer loved her and had been with other women frequently.

Mrs. Pickens said her husband was secretary of the Greater Missouri Association, which had headquarters in Jefferson City.

The agreement, the attorney told Judge Landon, was prepared by the husband and offered the court at the suggestion of the wife, who had agreed to its provisions. In the contract, the husband agreed to give his wife some stock in a business concern and to pay her $50 a month alimony.

"Your husband just appears to be trying to get rid of you so he can marry again," Judge Landon said. "No man is going to get rid of a wife who has been faithful to him thirty-three years, in so easy a fashion, in my court. I shall refuse to recognize that contract. You are entitled to your divorce and shall have it, but your husband must give you $1,000 cash alimony within ninety days and $100 a month in addition and give security for payment of the alimony."

Mrs. Pickens tearfully thanked the judge, and Mr. Steeper expressed his pleasure at the treatment accorded his client. The husband was not present or represented by a lawyer.

Skidmore Town Team Wins From Rock Port

The Skidmore Eagles, a town basketball team, won from Rock Port last night in a game played at Skidmore. The score was 45 to 26. The game was fast and clean. Peoples of Skidmore was high point man with eight field goals.

Taxpayers Are Given Until Saturday Night

Report Goes to County Court Monday and Penalty Must Go on After That, Says Collector Bartram.

A last chance for tax payers of Polk Township to escape a 1 per cent penalty was offered today by Township Collector Emmett Bartram, when he announced that his office in the basement of the library building would remain open all of today and tomorrow and that payments would be received until tomorrow night without imposition of the penalty prescribed by law.

On Monday all the township collectors must report to the County Court, which will be in session here. Any further leniency therefore will be impossible, Mr. Bartram emphasized. After the office closes Saturday night, 1 per cent will be added for each month taxes remain unpaid.

Attend Best Funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCoppin attended the funeral of Dr. W. W. Best at the Baptist Church in Bolckow yesterday afternoon. Dr. Best died suddenly Tuesday afternoon while in consultation with a patient in his office.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Jameson of Eldorado, Kan., who have been visiting friends here for several days, will return home this evening. They are former residents of Maryville.

Astrologist Says Year to be Prosperous One

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 1 (United Press)—Under the kindly control of the planet Venus, the world will prosper and become a better place in which to live during 1926, according to Vivien Gray-Mosby, leading New England astrologist.

Among her comments were:

Good-fellowship will prevail and crime will decrease.

There will be a few slight earthquakes in New England and a terrific storm next fall throughout the east. The summer will be warm.

Business will be increasingly active.

Women will gain more power, but the flapper will be less flippant.

Skirts will be shorter.

The Orient will have peace and plenty.

A noted French statesman will die and Italy will have political upheavals.

LAST MONTH WASN'T COLD

IN FACT, DECEMBER WARMER THAN USUAL, SAYS BRINK.

SANK TO SIX BELOW

Average Temperature Was 28.7—Rain Measured .8 Inch and Snowfall 8 Inches.

December was slightly warmer than usual, according to the monthly weather report of J. R. Brink, official weather observer.

The average temperature last month was 28.7, while normal December temperature is 26.3, according to Mr. Brink's report.

The highest temperature last month was 64 on December 9 and the lowest was 6 below zero on December 27. The highest December temperature on record was 65 in 1921 and the lowest was 21 below in 1919.

The precipitation last month was .8 of an inch and the snowfall measured eight inches. The highest precipitation on record was 3.4 inches in 1911 and the lowest was .02 in 1896.

The heaviest amount of snow in December was in 1911 when eighteen inches fell.

Two Daily Newspapers Merge at Elgin, Ill.

Elgin, Ill., Jan. 1.—A merger of the Elgin Daily News and the Elgin Daily Courier effective January 1, 1926, was announced today. The News, an Associated Press newspaper, first started publication 1876.

George Lucas Kicked by Mule Yesterday

George Lucas, who lives just east of Maryville, was kicked yesterday afternoon by a mule which was running loose in the barn. Mr. Lucas was kicked in the right side and was knocked down and severely bruised. He is able to be about the house today, however.

Miners and Operators in Another Deadlock

Adjourn Negotiations In New York Until Next Tuesday—Deny Break Causes Adjournment.

New York, Jan. 1.—Hopelessly deadlocked, anthracite operators and miners have adjourned strike setlement negotiations in this city until next Tuesday. Three days of almost continuous conferences resulted in little if any progress toward an agreement to end the strike of the 158,000 hard coal miners. Today, union leaders and operators, taking trains for their homes, denied the adjournment was made to forestall a break in the negotiations.

John Murrin on Trip.

John Murrin will go to Atchison, Kan., this evening for a week end visit with his son, Dr. J. O. Murrin, and family. He later will go to Hastings, Neb., where he will spend several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. G. R. Cornelius, and family. Before returning to Maryville Mr. Murrin expects to visit his sister, Mrs. Catherine Welch at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Cushman Child Seriously Ill.

Ralph Eugene Cushman, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cushman of this city, is seriously ill of pneumonia. The mother of Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. George W. Myers of Bethany, will arrive this evening to aid in nursing him.

Attachment Suit Filed.

An attachment suit filed today in the circuit clerk's office was by Mrs. R. B. Prentice against Bert Warren and Ethel Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Downing and sons, Lawrence, Lloyd and Drexel, of Tabor, Ia., came Tuesday evening to spend the rest of the week at the Joe Copples home.

MARRIAGE IS LESS POPULAR

NUMBEER DECREASES DURING 1925, SURVEY SHOWS.

EMPLOYMENT FACTOR

In Anthracite Coal Field Weddings Have Been Fewer—Philadelphia Shows Heaviest Decrease.

The institution of marriage is being pressed hard to maintain its popularity in the United States, figures on marriage in 20 leading cities show as gathered by the United Press.

These statistics showed that despite increase in population, marriage in the cities covered by the survey decreased 2, 433 in 1925 from the total number in 1924.

The figures came from representative cities of the country, including New York where there was a slight increase in the number of marriages; Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and New Orleans where decreases were reported, and Seattle where there has been a heavy increase.

The total number of marriages in these 20 cities during 1925 was 248,306. In 1924 the same cities had a total of 250,739.

It was noticeable that reports from the coal fields of Pennsylvania where anthracite coal miners have been out of employment since September, there was a decrease in marriages. The decrease was the greatest in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg—cities in which miners might be expected, in times of prosperity, to go when wedding bells are ringing.

The decrease in Philadelphia from 16, 514 marriages in 1924 to 14,153 in 1925, was the heaviest proportionate decrease in the country and was equal to the total loss in the nation.

New York led the country as the great marriage marke. During the year 73,204 licenses to wed were issued in the city's five burroughs. Last year the total was 72,791.

Los Angeles, known as a land of honeymooners, lost nearly 1,000 in its total number of marriages during 1925, recording 16,313 for the year against 17,270 for 1924.

Buffalo, where many go to marry that they may honeymoon at Niagara Falls, registered a gain of approximately 200 in 1925, with 5,246 licenses issued against 5,004 last year.

Seattle, Springfield, Ohio, Oklahoma City, Portland, Ore., and Washington, D. C., all showed healthy gains while St. Louis, Denver, Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. considered together Boston and Pittsburgh all showed considerable decreases.

In such cities as Columbus, Ohio, Detroit, San Francisco, Albany, New Haven, Conn., and St. Paul, there was but little change in the figures for 1925 from those of 1924.

Putting Up Ice Near Guilford; Good Quality

Several persons in Guilford vicinity have been putting up ice during the last few days, Cashier banker there, said this morning ice is about seven inches thick and of first-class quality. It is being obtained from Platte River near Guilford.

Miss Maxine Heimbaugh of Oregon came today for a visit at the home of her cousin, Mrs. W. F. Phares, and family, on North Main street.

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What Nodaway County Churches Are Doing

To Administer Lord's Supper at M. E., South

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the morning service at the M. E. Church, South, at 10:45 o'clock Sunday. The Rev. R. A. Mitchell, pastor, will preach a sacramental sermon. Dr. W. L. Scarborough, presiding elder of the St. Joseph district, will preach at the evening service at the M. E. Church, South, at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school will begin at 9:40 o'clock. Junior Epworth League will be held at 2:30 o'clock and the senior Epworth League will be at 6:30 o'clock.

William Jewell Head to Speak Here Sunday

Dr. H. C. Wayman, president of William Jewell College at Liberty, will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Baptist Church here. Dr. Wayman and the Rev. Guy L. Prather, pastor of the Baptist Church here, were classmates at school a number of years ago. Dr. Wayman has toured Biblical lands a number of times and has taken courses at several universities in Europe.

Dr. Wayman came to William Jewell several years ago from Louisville, Ky., where he was associated with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has a national reputation as an educator and speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services at the Baptist Church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 o'clock and B. Y. P. U. is held at 6:30. Morning and evening services are at 11 and 7:30 o'clock.

Allison to Preach on New Year's Ambitions

The services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday will be appropriate for the first Sunday of the New Year. "New Ambitions for the New Year" is the sermon subject of the Rev. S. P. Allison, for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The text will be "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough, turn ye northward." It is in Deuteronomy 2:3. At this service Mr. Bronson will sing "Trust in the Lord" from the "Prodigal Son," by Sullivan.

At 7:30 o'clock the solo will be "Come Unto Me," by Van Laer. The sermon will be "The Epitaph of the Prodigal Son. Psalm 119:59 and 60 will be used as the key text to the story of the prodigal son in the fifteenth chapter of Luke.

During January the Rev. Mr. Allison will preach Sunday mornings on the general topic, "New Things for the New Year." "New Ambitions for the New Year" is the first of this series.

Week of Prayer to Start at Elmo Church

The "Week of Prayer" will start at the Elmo Methodist Church Sunday. At the evening service, the pastor, the Rev. Edgar O. Wells, will preach on "Paul the Christian." Each service will be held at the usual hour, with worship and preaching in the morning at which time the subject will be, "Believing That We May Have Life."

PICKERING CHURCH NOTES.

Christian Church Notes.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the congregation will be held next Sunday.

Bible school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 o'clock and dinner in the church at noon. At the afternoon session reports for the past year will be made and two elders and three deacons elected and other routine business transacted. A large attendance of the membership is urged.

The revival services conducted by J. T. Alsup closed Monday night with a total of ten additions, seven of whom were adults. Brother Alsup will begin a meeting at Ravenwood about January 11.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services Sunday, Jan. 3, as follows:

Myrtle Tree: Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Pickering: Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

We urge every one to begin the New Year with going to Sunday school and church.

Last year 60,000 Methodists were added to the non-active list. Are you one of the 60,000?

Let us plan to reduce this number of non-active folks by beginning 1926 right.

We invite the public to all these services.

Rev. E. W. Croy, Pastor.

THE KIND OF A MAN GOD LOVES

Comment on the Uniform International Sunday School Lesson for January 3, 1926. Read John 1.

Wm. Southern, Jr.

In the late years of the first century, from A. D. 90 to A. D. 100, the fourth gospel was written. It is known as John's Gospel and his authorship is supported by most students, although of recent years there are some who disagree.

At this time, of all the Apostles including Paul, only John was living. The Christian church had become well established in Asia Minor and throughout the Roman Empire. John was very old, more than 90, and was drawing near the close of his remarkable life. All the books of the Bible as we know it had been written, save the fourth gospel. According to the histories John was living in Ephesus.

Already among the Christian preachers questions of interpretation and questions of theology had arisen and there were many discussions among the Christians. There must have been a few men and women living who had seen the Christ, but these are not mentioned as having authority. Paul had finished his great work and had been dead for twenty years. The Elders at Ephesus and in all Christendom must have accepted every opportunity to sit at the feet of John and listen while he told of his association with the Master. Also they brought him their disputes and differences and his word was final.

Under these conditions the tradition that the Elders of Ephesus came to John and asked him to write out for them another gospel which should serve as a text book after he should die, sounds very plausible. They had at hand the three synoptic gospels and what they wanted John to do was not to write another chronological story of the life of Christ, but to write of things not includede in the other gospels and his interpretation of them. And this is what we find in the Gospel of John.

During the first twelve articles for 1926 in this series the texts will all be taken from the Gospel according to St. John. At the beginning I am going to confess that much of this gospel is beyond my understanding. I am going to try to find for you the simple application of the spiritual part of Christianity as recorded in this gospel.

John was the younger of two brothers, both of whom were of the Twelve Apostles, James and John. They were quite young men when they became disciples of John the Baptist, and then became followers of Jesus. John was, perhaps, the closest friend Jesus had among men and was known as the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved. If we know just what kind of a man John was then, we would know what kind of a man Jesus loves.

John in his youth, when he threw his fortunes with Jesus was a very different man from the John in his old age when he wrote the fourth gospel. I am sure that we make a great mistake many times when we try to make young people think like old people, try to teach them the same things in the same manner that we teach their elders. None of us is the same in body, thought, action or motivation when we are old, as we were when youth coursed in our veins.

In their youth James and John were called Boanerges, sons of thunder. They must have been full of fire, we would say pep, energetic and men of high temper. One time they wanted to bring down fire from heaven and utterly destroy a Samaritan community. Another time they took their mother to Jesus and she asked that her boys be given the high places in the kingdom which they all thought Jesus would establish. So John was by no means a super-man. He was just a man with the faults and the impulses which every normal full blooded man has. It makes me feel much better when I think that Jesus' closest friend when he was living among us was just such a man like we are.

If you will turn to the first chapter of Genesis and read the first verse and turn to the first chapter of the Gospel of John and read the first verse you can not help being impressed. The first words in Genesis are "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.' In the first words of John's gospel we read "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

Exactly the same thing is intended to be said in each testimony. I have never been able to understand why good people will insist on quarrelling about the manner of the creation of the world, why it makes any difference whether it was created in six week days or in six aeons. If we will take the first words and all agree that in the beginning was God, his methods should make little difference. John had more than once been in the center of bitter controversy, yet at his old age he went back to the very beginning of all things and there found God.

It is said of John, again this is legendary, that when he became very old and feeble, he had written the fourth gospel and his work was finished and he was just waiting for God to call him, he asked that he be carried into the church and not attempting to preach he would look over those present with kindness and love in his eyes, wave his trembling hand at them and in a quavering voice say:

"Little children, Love one another. If this alone is done it is enough."

Gone from his mind were all controversies, forgotten was all theology, no bitterness remained in the mind of this old man whose wonderful and full life of service was about over. Only remained love for everybody and the certainty of God's love for himself and all men.

This was the kind of a man Jesus loved. This is the kind of a man God loves today.

Some people are always surprised when things don't turn out worse.

Lesson Title.
THE SON OF GOD BECOMES MAN.
Lesson Text: John 1. 1-18.

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made.
4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.

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10. He was in the world and the world was made through him and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13. who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.
15. John beareth witness of him, and crieth, saying, This was he of whom I said, He that cometh after me is become before me: for he was before me.
16. For of his fulness we all received and grace for grace.
17. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Rev. Musgrave Will Start Sermon Series

The Rev. R. E. Musgrave, pastor of the First Christian Church, will start a series of five sermons on the general theme, "The Significance of the Lord's Supper," at the morning services at the Christian Church Sunday. The special theme Sunday morning will be, "The Place of the Lord's Supper in the House of God."

January will be observed as Roll Call month at the Christian Church here. The object is to have each member of the church at at least one communion service during the month. This marks the beginning of the pre-Easter evangelistic campaign, which closes April 4.

The subject of the sermon by Mr. Musgrave Sunday night will be, "The Price of Progress."

In spite of the cold weather last Sunday, the session of the Men's Bible Class at the I. O. O. F. hall was well attended. The subject of the lesson Sunday morning is, "The Power and Purpose of the Incarnation." More than 200 persons were present in the general Sunday school.

James Will Preach on "My Prayer for You"

Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First M. E. Church, will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday morning on the subject "My Prayer For You." The evening theme will be, "Finding One's Life." Sunday school will begin at 9:30 o'clock and Epworth League will be held at 6:30 o'clock. The sermons of Jesus will be discussed at the prayer meeting service to be held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

For A Better Average Man in the New Year

Menaces to the happiness, prosperity and future of America were stated this week in Kansas City by Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, secretary of the section of Social and Economic Sciences of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to be:

'The average man's . . . indifference toward personal services and cooperation in matters of law enforcement."

'The average man's failure to recognize his obligation to society as a whole."

The average man needs a "Re-creation of a sense of the answerability to God."

The average man needs 'A stronger personal restraint against the violation of delegated authority."

The average man needs 'A higher characterization that will insist upon a more idealistic philosophy and a more pronounced sympathy with laws and the ordered processes of society."

The average man is the only one who can correct our 'Unbalanced civilization that has grown too rapidly, without a dominating moral responsibility."

The Church is the greatest agency to transform the average man—which includes most folks. The speciality of the Church is to foster a sense of God, develop a feeling of responsibility, provide the balance wheel of moral responsibility in a materialistic world.

Start the New Year right by starting to attend church at the start of the year.

It's YOU--Not Time Who "MOVES" Along!

"Tis often said—"How Time flies" or "Time passes quickly." But is that actually a fact? After all, Time is perpetual—always present–here now and after we have passed on, and we are really the ones who do the "moving" along through the years.

So the big question remains—are YOU getting anywhere? Are you making progress toward a bright and financially independent future? Are you preparing for the years when you no longer can move along with the energy and earning power that is yours now?

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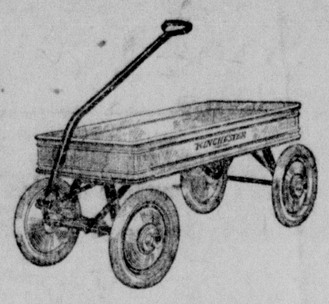

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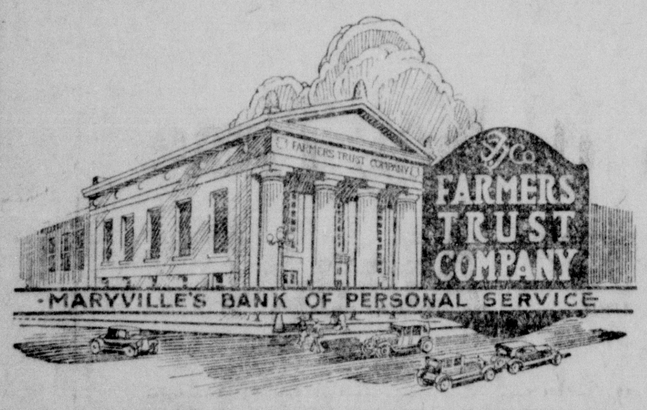

WATCH

Your label on the paper; it gives the date of expiration.

All papers are stopped on day it expires.

The Democrat-Forum and Tribune

SOCIETY

Radio Watch Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henderson entertained with a radio watch party last night at their home on West Fifth street for Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sawyers and Allen Hooker.

Embrees Honor Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Brint Embree and little daughter, Elizabeth, who are to leave soon to make their home in California, were honor guests at a family dinner last night at the home of Mrs. Emma L. Heflin and daughters, Misses Belle and Mayme Heflin. An additional guest was Mrs. Embree's mother, Mrs. Mark Heflin of Ravenwood.

Jolly Mixers Club.

Members of the Jolly Mixers Club were entertained at an all-day meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ward Stevenson. The day was spent in quilting and two comforts were tacked and bound. A cafeteria dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Gordon of Waterloo, Kan., Mrs. Gerald Mendenhall, Miss Beulah Herron and Miss Irene Blagg were guests and these members were present. Mrs. George Herron and daughter, Mrs. Clay Holliday, Mrs. Fred Kemper and daughter, Mrs. R. C. Shields, Mrs. Sanford Kaufman, Mrs. Charles Wakely, Mrs. John Owens, Mrs. Jonas Shields, Mrs. Charles Groves, Mrs. Don Groves, Mrs. Grover Linville, Mrs. Will Allen and daughters, Mrs. Claud Sewell, Mrs. C. C. McDowell and son, Mrs. Cal Cox, and Mrs. Charles Blagg and sons. The next meeting will be with Mrs. George Suetterlin Jan. 13.

Missionary Meeting.

A postponed meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. A. McKee on South Main street. Mrs. H. E. Wright was the leader of the program which was suggestive of Christmas. Mrs. R. S. Braniger and Mrs. E. M. Houchens read leaflets and a playlet entitled "The Triumphs of Faith" was presented by Mrs. W. O. Garrett, Mrs. Dan Snoderly and Mrs. R. S. Braniger. At the close of the program refreshments were served by the assisting hostesses, Mrs. Robert Aley, Mrs. Dan Snoderly and Mrs. Henry Smock. Nineteen members and the following guests were present: Berneta McKee, Jessie Snoderly and Leona Holtman.

Skidmore Study Club.

Nine members attended the meeting of the Skidmore Study Club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Duval. New Year's resolutions formed the roll call responses. The afternoon's program was as follows: Map talk, British Islands, Mrs. Sylvia Argo; story, Mrs. Florence Bramble; instrumental solo, Mrs. Anna Duval; magazine article, Miss Lora Stultz; vocal duet, Mrs. Nora Lowrance and Mrs. Laura Littler. The club adjourned to meet Jan. 7 with Mrs. Alice Groves. These members were present: Mrs. Sylvia Argo, Mrs. Florence Bramble, Mrs. Beulah Armstrong, Mrs. Anna Duval, Mrs. Pearl Fullerton, Mrs. Nora Lowrance, Mrs. Laura Littler, Miss Lora Stultz and Mrs. Alice Groves. The visitors were Ed Duval, Brs. W. R. Linville, Mrs. Art Hill and Miss Ruey Lowrance.

Party at Martin Home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin entertained the I. F. A. Club members and their families at a New Year's eve party last night. After an evening spent informally with various amusements, refreshments were served. The guests and members present were Mr. and Mrs. George Neff and daughter, Betty Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gault and daughter, Lorena, Mr. and Mrs. George Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Frazee and daughter, Dorothy Mae, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shreve, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moberly and Mr. and Mrs. Martin and children. The club will hold an afternoon meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Hartness, Jan. 14.

Independence Industrial Club.

The Independence Industrial Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Wallace. Two comforts were made for the hostess and a luncheon consisting of sandwiches, pickles, ice cream, cake and coffee were served, Mrs. Wallace being assisted by Mrs. Clark Gray and Mrs. William Kellogg. Mrs. Arda Crawford and Mrs. Lizzie Shanklin of Clearmont were guests of the club. Mrs. Albert Wallace will entertain the club Jan. 13. Members are requested to bring thimbles and scissors. The following members and children were present Wednesday: Mrs. James Neal, Mrs. Gaylord Reynolds and son, Lowell Dean, Mrs. John Gray, Mrs. Edward Gray and daughter, Theda, Mrs. Glen Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Edwards, Mrs. Albert Wallace and children, Gerald and Welton, Mrs. Ida Pollock, Mrs. Carl Britton and son, Cople, Mrs. Ol Gregory, Mrs. Ralph Farrens and son, Ralph Eugene, Mrs. William Kellogg, Mrs. Clark Gray and daughter, Delaine, and the hostess and son, Carroll.

Hovenden-Gottbrecht.

Mrs. Rodney F. Hamblin attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Gladys Irene Hovenden, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hovenden of Shenandoah, Ia., and Theodore Gottbrecht of Chicago, at Shenandoah, Tuesday afternoon. The wedding, which was one of the most brilliant social events of the winter, took place at 4 o'clock at the nome of the bride's parents. The ring ceremony was read by the Rev. J. L. Howie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Shenandoah. Mr. Gottbrecht and his bride will be at home at 210 North Kenneth avenue, Chicago, where he is advertising manager of the Knight Soda Fountain Manufacturing Company of Chicago. The bride formerly attended the State Teachers College in Maryville. She was graduated from the University of Iowa in the class of 1923, and is a member of the Chi Omega sorority. She also attended Iowa State College at Ames and the Chicago School of Fine Arts. The bride has frequently visited at the home of her aunt in Maryville. Mrs. Hamblin was accompanied to Shenandoah Tuesday by Ray Eckles.

Alert Rebekah Lodge.

Alert Rebekah Lodge met in regular session last night with Miss Veda Hull, noble grand, presiding. Fern Crull drew the box of candy which was given away. Mrs. S. S. Murdock, Mrs. Nettie Gray, Mrs. Cora Owens, and Mrs. J. J. Turner were appointed to act on the refreshment committee for next Thursday night. Installation of officers will be held next Thursday night, Jan. 7, when all members are requested to be present. After lodge refreshments of fruit salad and cake were served by Mrs. Harry McGinness and Miss Veda Hull.

Watch Party.

Miss Myrtle Frazee entertained with a watch party at her home last night. Music and games were the entertaining features and refreshments were served at midnight. The hostess was assisted by Miss Mildred Looker. The guests were Miss Dollie Clements, Blanche and Hazel Hubbard, Ruby Rice, Bernice McFarland, Audrey and Laverne Looker and Jake Clements, Chester Davison, Byrl Jackson, Oakley Belcher, Leo Roney, Jimmie McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Michaelson and son, Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazee.

Keltner-Jones.

Miss Ada Keltner of near Burlington Junction and Ernest Jones of Quitman were married in Creston, Ia., on December 24. The young people returned home and kept their wedding a secret until Monday of this week, and are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

The couple are making their home for the present at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Keltner.—Burlington Junction Post.

New Year's Dance.

The new year was ushered in with much gayety at the Elks Club last night on the occasion of the annual New Year's dinner dance. The affair was the largest and most brilliant event of the holiday season and was attended by nearly 200 persons, including a number of out-of-town guests. Bell's six-piece orchestra from St. Joseph played for the dance preceding and following the turkey dinner, served from 11 to 12:30 o'clock in the dining room. The lodge colors, purple and white, were employed in the dining room decoration. During the dinner hour an Houdini act was given by "Mysterious Carsen" and a program of violin and vocal selections and dancing was presented by Kansas City talent. Every device with noise making possibilities was brought into play as the celebrants sped the parting year on its way and gave a rousing welcome to its infant successor.

Neville-Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Neville of Kansas City announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Mr. Paul Marion Miller of Sanford, Fla., son of Dr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Miller of Maryville. The wedding took place at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Sanford, Fla. The bride was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1924 and she is a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. Mr. Miller was also graduated from the University of Missouri in the class of 1924. He is affiliated with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

B. B. Club.

The B. B. Club of the Scudder district held an all day meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Joe Aken, south of Maryville. Dinner was served in cafeteria style at noon. Officers for the next six months were elected during the afternoon. Mrs. Nettie Warren was elected president; Mrs. D. S. Moody, vice-president; Mrs. Glen Anderson, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Marion Ripley, corresponding secretary. A short program was given, consisting of a recitation by DeLoris Kingery; vocal duet by Mrs. J. T. Alsup and daughter, Lillian, with guitar accompaniment; reading, Mrs. R. E. Thomas; poem, dedicated to club members, Mrs. Joe Aken; song, America; and the Lord's prayer. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Caleb Brogan, Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Mrs. Del Appleby, Mrs. Ernest Moore, Mrs. L. W. Watson and daughter, Kahla May, and Mrs. J. T. Alsup and daughter, Lillian. The members in attendance were Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Alice, Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughter, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Don Kingery and daughters, Roberta and DeLoris, Mrs. Fred Wyatt and daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Glen Anderson and son, Jerry, Mrs. Albert Carr and daughter, Zelma, Mrs. Ed Russell and daughters, Esther and Rebecca, Mrs. Ben Neal, Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Marion Ripley, Mrs. Nellie Warren and Miss Nellie Cox. Mrs. Glen Anderson will be hostess at an all-day meeting Jan. 14 when roll call will be answered by humorous stories or jokes.

Party at Garten Home.

A group of eighteen celebrated the passing of the old year at the home of Miss Darlene Garten on South Main street last night. Games, dancing and refreshments were the entertaining features. Those entertained were Misses Claudia Garten, Emma Brash, Jean Miller, Carrie B. Garten, Dorothy Busby, Mabel Aley, Mary Ferritor, Lillian Murrin and Bernard Conway, George McMurry, Kenneth Swinford, William Miller, Cairl Reimer, Kieran Cummins, Edward Doffing, Louis Doffing and Leo O'Day.

For Holiday Visitor.

Miss Opal Holt gave a watch party to sixteen guests at her home on West Fourth street last night in honor of Herman Miller of Anderson, Mo., who is spending the holidays here. The guests were entertained at circle and table games and music. Besides the visitor, the guests were Misses Evelyn Evans, Maud Masters, Mary Todd, Ruth Bush, Allene Bolin, Tama Carlson, Beatrice Puckett, and Harold Lee Yates, Kenneth Evans, Robert Porter, Harold Braun, Willis Wamsley, Ralph Hotchkin, Earl Somerville and Lawrence Wray.

Entertain at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Garten gave a dinner today at their home on South Main street for their daughter, Miss Carrie Bertha Garten, who is attending the Nurses' Training School of St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Joseph. Others present were Geraldine Miller and Claudia and Darlene Garten. Miss Garten will return to St. Joseph tomorrow morning after a short visit at home.

McKee Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McKee gave a New Year's dinner at 12:30 o'clock today at their home on South Main street, entertaining Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Conley, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sherman and daughter, Arlene, Miss Eva Vaughn Lawson and Berneta McKee.

Frankum Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nicholas and children, Eleanor and Judd, were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Frankum today.

Scarborough Will Preach at Wilcox

The Rev. W. L. Scarborough of St. Joseph will preach at the Methodist Church at Wilcox at 11 o'clock Sunday.

Guests at Ford Home.

Mrs. J. T. Chrisman of Duluth, Minn. is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Halley Ford. She is en route to Ft. Pierce, Fla., to spend the winter. Mrs. Lance Jay of Des Moines, Ia., spent the Christmas holidays with her niece, Mrs. Ford.

Colberts Leave Tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Colbert of Lincoln, Neb., will leave tomorrow morning for their home after a holiday visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Colbert.

AUNT HET

'I would of voted last year, but after I seen the candidates I thought it would do more good to go home an' pray."

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Burl. Jct. Churches to Have Prayer Week

The "Week of Prayer" will be observed by the two churches at Burlington Junction and the two will alternate in the services. A union service will be held at the Christian Church on Sunday night and J. Howard Thompson, the pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach the sermon. The special week will close with another union service, also held at the Christian Church.

The Christmas Cantata at the Methodist Church in Burlington Junction last Sunday was favorably received. A large crowd was present in spite of the cold weather. Mrs. Charles Caldwell was the director and was highly complimented on her work. The solo parts were sung by Miss Pauline Walker, Miss Katherine Fleming, Mrs. Hubert Corken, Mrs. C. E. Walker and R. N. Barber. The free will offering amounted to $20 and will be used to purchase music and take care of other incidental expenses.

Everett Benham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benham of Barnard, left today for Chillicothe to enter the Chillicothe Business College.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Directors 1

THE FUNCTION

that the funeral director performs is a delicate one—a service hard to render, yet absolutely necessary. He must be thoughtful and considerate, systematic and thorough—a silent but competent manager.

CUMMINS & WRAY FUNERAL SERVICE
Hanamo 152 Farmers 81

Monuments 2

Mark every grave
with a
MEMORIAL
MARYVILLE GRANITE WORKS
"We have no Agents."

Card of Thanks 3

WE DESIRE to thank our friends and those who so willingly gave their services at the funeral of our husband, father and brother, Dr. M. J. Quinlan.

Mrs. M. J. Quinlan,
Margaret Quinlan.
Mary Quinlan.
J. M. Quinlan.

Flowers 4

EVERY FARM HOME
Should have its own supply of apples, cherries, plums, pears, grapes, berries, etc. We sell you only the best varieties.
MURRAY NURSERIES

Professional 8

Dr. K. Sears
Veterinarian
Calls answered promptly day or night.
Hanamo 40-265 Farmers 97-97½

Lost 10

LOST—License No. D277F.—Please return to this office.

LOST—In Maryville business section, a yellow gold Swiss movement wrist watch; black ribbon attached, stem missing, engraving in center, yellow gold dial, numbers 5 and 12 partly errased.—Opal Ingram, Parnell, Mo. Reward.

Store READ WANT ADS wanted

AUTOMOTIVE

Automobiles for Sale 12

Bargains In
Used Cars

1921—Buick 5 passenger Touring.
1921—"Hup" Touring.
1920—Dodge Pannel Business.
1920—Dodge Touring.
1923—Ford Coupe.
1923—Ford Touring.

RABORN McCOMB MOTOR CO.
Lowery Hardware Bldg.

Studebaker Sales and Service

GUARANTEED
FORD
USED
CARS

2—1924 Ford Tourings
1—1923 Ford Touring
2—1922 Ford Tourings
1—1923 Ford Runabout
1—1922 Ford Coupe
1—1924 One Ton Truck, Cab body and stock rack.

BARMANN AUTO COMPANY

Dodge Brothers
ANNOUNCE
TREMENDOUS PRICE REDUCTIONS
ON NEW CARS
Effective Dec. 15, 1925.

We announce reductions on our entire stock of used cars.

1—1926 Dodge A Sedan.
1—1924 Dodge Touring.
1—1925 Essex Coach.
1—1922 Dodge Sedan.
1—1922 Dodge Touring.

ARNOLD STRONG MOTOR CO.
Dodge Brothers
Sales and Service

Some Good
USED CAR VALUES

BUICK-6 Roadster. This car has had exceptionally good care and is a real value.
1920 Buick-6 Touring. Good.
FORD Touring, nearly new.
GEORGE MCMURRY
Buick Sales and Service.

Hudson Essex

1—1924 Durant. Good.
1—1924 Hudson Coach.
1—1924 Essex Touring.
1—1920 Overland Touring.

HUDSON-CARLSON MOTOR CO.
Hudson Sales and Service
Kramer Garage

OUTSTANDING
Used Car Values

1—1925 Buick Touring. Excellent condition. Looks like new.
1—1925 Ford Touring.
1—1924 Ford Touring.
1—1924 Ford Roadster.
2—International Trucks.
1—Chevrolet Truck.

ALL the above are in good condition and will give someone a great deal of service.

SEWELL AUTO CO.
Willys Overland Fine Motor Cars
Maryville, Mo.

Auto Accessories, Tires, Parts 13

WANTED—Curtains to repair. Doors made to open and close with door; celluloid sewed in.—Lanning Tire and Top Company, Maryville.

Garages, Taxis 14

MARYVILLE-ST JOSEPH BUS LINE
DAILY

Leaves Maryville	Arrives St. Joe
7:30 a. m.	9:40 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	3:20 p. m.
Leaves St. Joe	Arrives Maryville
1:00 p. m.	3:20 p. m.
4:30 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
SUNDAY	
Leaves Maryville	1:45 p. m.
Leaves St. Joe	4:30 p. m.

C. R. HASTINGS, Mgr.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Heating, Plumbing, Roofing 19

WINTER HEATING
Your furnace, if properly installed, should heat uniformly all of the rooms. If your furnace does not something is wrong with the piping. Consult us for your furnace troubles.
HEIDEMAN & LEET

Read the Want Ads.

Coal, Wood Etc. 20

COAL

Cars Wyoming lump, best Franklin County lump, egg or nut, No. 2 Illinois nut, arriving daily.

WM. EVERHART
Coal—Ice—Wood—Feed.

Shoemaker-Bovard
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WE SOLICIT YOUR INQUIRY.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted—Male 27

WANTED—Country salesman with car for this and adjoining counties. Good pay. Permanent. Largest of its kind in the world.—Address 134 this office.

LIVESTOCK

Poultry and Supplies 33

FOR SALE—10 dozen brown leghorn hens, Farmers 13-20.—Mrs. Erb Mozingo.

Horses, Cattle, Swine 34

FOR SALE—Good 5-year-old Jersey cow and 6-month-old calf.—Eph Tilton, 1101 East 4th Street.

MERCHANDISE

Articles for Sale 37

ALLADIN LAMPS
Burn 94 per cent air and 6 per cent oil.
Price $3.50
CASE FURNITURE EXCHANGE

FOR SALE—Willard piano; good condition.—Mrs. Ida McKenzie, 1302 East Thompson, Hanamo 189.

USED FURNITURE
JUST IN—Extra good used Dresser, Buffet, Duofold, Dining Table, Library Table, Walnut Drop-Leaf Table, Mahogany Stand Lamp, and Cook Stove.
CASE FURNITURE EXCHANGE

FOR SALE—stock field with plenty of water; also hay in stack. J. E. Rickard, 18Z through Pickering.

Radio
BATTERY SERVICE
Fisher Battery Station.—Hanamo 148, Farmers 113.

Visit Our
Gift Shop
Department
RAINES & CHAVIS

FOR SALE—Good Clover and Timothy hay; some bailed, some loose; 800 bushels good seed oats.—Farmers 4-11.

FOR SALE—Edison; good as new.—Mrs. Guy D. Aley, Farmers 31-19.

Read the Want Ads.

Articles for Sale 37

FOR SALE—39 acre stock field.—Mrs. Ethel Robinson, 210 South Mulberry.

RESIDENCES AND ROOMS

Apartments and Flats 39

For Rent
Two Ideal Apartments
5 and 6 rooms each.
Possession now.
CHAS. HYSLOP.

Houses for Rent 42

FOR RENT—6 room house, modern except heat. Possession January 1.—See Dr. K. C. Cummins.

FOR RENT—Six room house with lights and water arranged for two families; immediate possession.—A. K. Frank.

FOR RENT—January 1, new modern house, close in.—Charles Jensen.

Houses for Rent 42

FOR RENT—7 room, modern except heat; 1½ blocks from square.—Tom Stinson.

FOR RENT—2 modern rooms, unfurnished; private bath.—J. D. Dickerson, 302 East 6th or A. L. Nash.

Rooms for Rent 43

FOR RENT—2 modern rooms, furnished for light housekeeping. Also garage if wanted.—Inquire this office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Farms and Land for Sale 46

FOR SALE—5-acre tract consisting of 8-room house, good fruit, barns, etc., 1½ miles from square. Inquire of Paul Basford.

IMPROVED TRACT.

17 acres adjoining Maryville, near pavement. Land in good state of cultivation and plenty of improvements. Adapted to truck farming. Can sell on good terms. No trade considered. If you want something close to High School and College, better see this.

C. D. ALLEN.
119 East 4th Street.

Houses for Sale 47

FOR SALE—6 room modern house in good condition. On paved street. Garage. Must sell.—See J. D. Richey, Nodaway Valley Bank.

HEDGE COLLEGE.

Some new window shades have been added to the school building which helps the looks of the interior of the building.

The report cards were given out last Tuesday and on an average the pupils did fairly well; however, don't forget to keep encouraging the pupils to do their best.

Orville Randall enrolled in school last Thursday of this week.

Rebecca Taylor has been absent from school the past two weeks on account of sickness.

Ivan Finnell was absent from school Thursday morning on account of illness.

PEACE HOPES ARE BRIGHTER

EUROPE MORE HOPEUL THAN SINCE WORLD WAR.

PEACE PACTS VITAL

No Outbreak Among Important Powers Seems Probable as Result of Famous Locarna Agreement.

London, Jan. 1.—Hopes for European peace and prosperity are brighter at the close of 1925 than at any time since the end of the world war.

Only tribal revolts in Morocco and Syria and uncertainty as to Turkey's action on the adverse Mosul decision serve to mar a comparatively serene horizon and these incidents at worst are deemed only of minor character comparatively.

Any sudden outbreak of war in Central Europe seems remote as a result of the Locarno pacts. A similar pact for Southwestern Europe is being broached by Spain; Norway and Denmark have announced plans for a Locarno of their own, and in the Balkans the Locarno idea is slowly being nurtured.

Russia still remains the great enigma in the question of European peace, but it is not unlikely that 1926 will see a concerted drive by the League of Nations to get their membership as part of a plan for more peace and stability throughout Europe.

European financial improvement during the year just closed has been slow but securely founded and is expected to continue throughout the year, perhaps being accelerated by the proposed League of Nations arms conference scheduled for next Autumn.

Industry in England has been on the upgrade since last August. Nearly 200,000 additional men have found employment since the depression of last summer and the unemployment, while still more than 1,100,000 is now several thousand less than it was a year ago.

The automotive, shoe and cotton industries are working on nearly a full time and capacity basis. England is meeting all her financial obligations and the pound is practically at par.

Germany has balanced her expenditures and income and has a satisfactory treasury surplus, though Berlin reports indicate unemployment rising in connection with the convalescence crisis through which Germany has been passing since the end of inflation.

France, in spite of the slump in her franc and the consequent political turmoil, is economically sound. Practically all her industries are working fully and she has had to turn to Poland and Italy for large drafts of farm laborers.

Italy under Premier Mussolini's dictatorship has been placed on a sound financial footing, and her settlement of her American debt is said to have contributed much to international confidence in her economic future.

Other European nations also have shown financial improvement in 1925 with prospects of extending this in the coming year.

DAILY MARKET REPORT

No Grain Quotations Today.

In observance of the New Year's Day, all grain markets were closed today and no domestic price quotations were available.

ST. JOSEPH LIVE STOCK.

Hogs

Receipts 2,000; market 10c to 20c up.
Top, $11.75; bulk $11.25 to $11.70.

Cattle

Receipts 500; market steady to strong.
Bulk of steers, $8 to $9.75.
Cows and heifers, $3.25 to $9.
Calves, $5.50 to $12.
Stockers and feeders, $5.50 to $8.25.

Sheep

Receipts 600; market nominal.

OMAHA LIVESTOCK

Cattle

Receipts 400; market lower.

Hogs

Receipts 7,500; market steady to 10c up.

Sheep

Receipts 250; market steady.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK.

Hogs

Receipts 4,000; market 10c to 25c higher.
Bulk, $11.35 to $11.75.
Heavies, $11.25 to $11.60.
Butchers, $11.50 to $11.85.
Lights, $11.70 to $12.00.
Pigs, $11.50 to $12.25.

Cattle

Receipts 250; market steady.
Prime fed steers, $12 to $12.50.
Dressed beef steers, $7.75 to $12.00.
Western steers, $7.75 to $11.25.
Southern steers, $6.50 to $9.75.
Cows, $3.50 to $8.25.
Heifers, $6 to $11.00.
Stockers and feeders, $6 to $9.50.
Bulls, $4.00 to $5.50.
Calves, $5.50 to $11.00.

Sheep

Receipts 2,000; market steady.
Spring lambs, $15 to $15.40.
Yearlings, $11.50 to $13.
Ewes, $8 to $8.75.
Wethers, $8.75 to $9.50.
Stockers and feeders, $14.75 to $15.35.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Eggs, per doz.	30c
Cream, per lb	40c
Heavy Hens, per lb.	23c
Heavy Springs, per lb	20c
Leghorn Hens, per lb	14c
Leghorn Springs, per lb	14c
Staggs, per lb	16c
Ducks, per lb	15c
Geese, per lb	13c
Cocks, per lb	7c
Hides, per lb	7c

I. O. O. F. to Meet in Barnard on Jan. 5

The Northwest Missouri I. O. O. F. association will hold a meeting at Barnard on Tuesday, January 5, according to this week's Barnard Bulletin. The afternoon session will start at 2:30 and will adjourn for supper which will be served by the Mount Olive Rebekah lodge of Barnard.

A program, which will be free to the public, will be given at the Barnard Theatre at 7:45, after which degree work will be given in the lodge rooms.

The officers of the Northwest Missouri I. O. O. F. Association are M. L. Griggs, president; Guy Eads of Maryville, vice-president, and L. D. Goforth, secretary.

The program follows:

Orchestra selection, High School orchestra.

Invocation.

Address of Welcome, Mayor Ray Davis.

Response, Homer Brown of Graham lodge.

Piano Duet, Elmina Fields, Agnes Smith.

Recitation, Junior Strader.

Orchestra.

Reading, Miss Schivenhart, Graham.

Song, Joyce Robison.

Reading, Nellie Donaldson.

Solo, Mrs. R. W. Bridges.

Piano Duet, Pauline Davis, Louise Hunt.

Whistling solo, Mrs. Mowrey, Graham.

Clarinet solo, Delman Roelofson.

Instrumental trio, Ruth Cook, Agnes Smith, John Donaldson.

Address, Elmer Mann, Deputy Grand Master of Clarksdale.

Orchestra.

Boy Has Infected Mouth,

Raymond Deardorff, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Deardorff, six miles southwest of Maryville, was brought to St. Francis Hospital today for treatment of an infected mouth. He does not suffer severe pain, but his tongue and tonsils are much swollen.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Allender, who have been spending the holidays with their son, Dr. Rolland Allender, and family, at Boone, Ia., are now visiting at the home of their other son, Dr. Dafe Allender, and family, at Atlantic, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Pettijohn of Kin[illegible] of
City and Mrs. D. M. Bishop, Mr[illegible] than
L. Bentley, Mrs. H. J. Beed[illegible]
Frank Powell, all of Ravenwo[illegible]
Maryville visitors today.

Neighbors Shuck Corn for Hospital Patient

A group of men in the neighborhood gathered yesterday at the home of Mrs. Hattie Edwards, northwest of Wilcox, to shuck twenty acres of corn for her son, Jim Edwards, who has been in the hospital nearly three weeks.

In the party were Doll Nicholas, Amos Hayes, B. K. Ferguson, Carl Winnell, Wayne Cooper, Dale McGinness, Cecil Hayes, Raymond West, George Sexton, Harve Mendenhall, Frank McComb, Joe Crawford, Henry McComb, Frank Sallee, R. L. McGinness, Emery Hindle, Kenneth Sexton, John Sexton and J. H. Sexton.

The following women prepared the dinner: Mrs. Susan Hayes, Mrs. Fred Culver and daughter, Lola Katherine, Mrs. Frank Sallee, Mrs. B. K. Ferguson, Mrs. Wayne Cooper, Mrs. Amos Hayes and Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. S. P. Huston of St. Joseph has returned home after a few days visit with her brother, Sherman Montgomery, and her sister, Mrs. G. B. Roseberry.

Mrs. Harold Thompson of Wilcox returned home last night from Council Bluffs, Ia., where she spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mose Smith, and family.

WORKMAN CHAPEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Randall and children of Highland, Kan., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ritter. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rhode Carmichael and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riley, Mrs. Belle Needham, Mrs. Pearl McGlothlan of Burlington Junction, Lawrence and Ernest Riley. Mr. Randall and family were accompanied home by his grandmother, Mrs. Needham, who will visit Kansas relatives for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Carmichael had as Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Henry, Miss Pearl Damgar, Miss Thelma Henry, Clifford and Donna Lee Henry and Jack and Raymond Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. Enis Pence and sons spent Christmas at Geo. Coulter's at Maryville.

Enis Pence and Ave Carmichael and Seneca Van Ausdall butchered beeves last week.

Otto Kluth trucked hogs to St. Joe for J. H. Carmichael Wednesday. George Kunkel accompanied him.

John Hollensbe trucked hogs to St. Joe Wednesday for Enis Pence.

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Read carefully the (Tabulation of Rates) appearing daily at the head of the Want-Ad Column, and you will have no trouble in figuring out what your advertisement will cost.

THE DEMOCRAT-FORUM AND TRIBUNE

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE: A Good Start for a Happy New Year

HERE, ANNIE - I BROUGHT BACK YOUR DOLL BUGGY AND YOUR DOLLY - I THOUGHT SANTA BROUGHT THEM TO ME BUT HE DIDN'T - HE DIDN'T BRING ME ANYTHING - THEY'RE YOURS -
SANTA BROUGHT THEM ALL TO YOU AND MY AUNTIE AND MAMA STOLE 'EM FOR ME - OH - BOO - HOO - HOO -
WHY - BERTHA YOU CAN HAVE 'EM -
O-O-OO - I DON'T WANT THEM - THEY'RE NOT MINE - AND I WAS SO PROUD - SNIFF - SNIFF -
THERE - THERE, BERTHA - YOU'RE A REAL SPORT, YOU ARE - DON'T YOU CRY - THAT'S NO WAY TO START TH' NEW YEAR -
TELL YOU WHAT BERTHA - WE'LL PLAY WITH 'EM TO-GETHER - HOW'S THAT? AND THEY'LL BE JUST AS MUCH YOURS AS THEY ARE MINE - WHAT DO YOU SAY?
OH, ANNIE - (SNIFF-SNIFF-) CAN I PLAY WITH 'EM TOO? CAN I?
HAROLD GRAY
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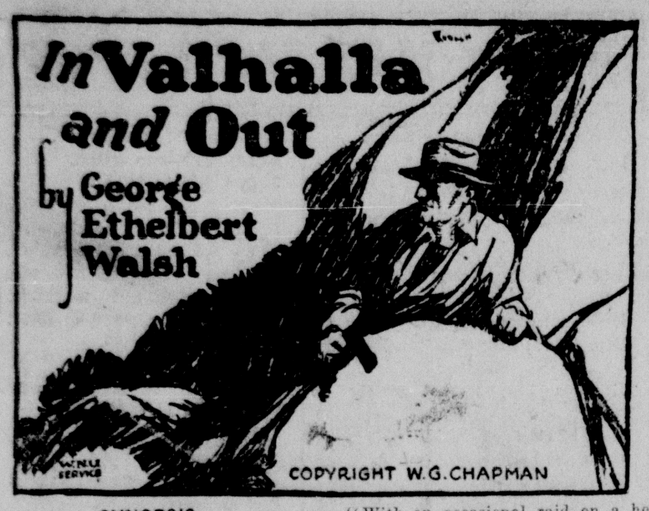

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Fishing, in idle fashion, from a private dock, Dick Van Ness watches a ship, the Pelican, which he recognizes as the Beacon, his father's yacht before his death and financial reverses forced him to part with it. A man whom he hears a girl who accompanies him address as Mr. Blake, lands from the yacht. The girl drops her handbag in the stream, and Dick recovers it. Thanking him, she gives him her visiting card. She is Alice Cutler, niece of Stephen Cutler, successful business rival of the elder Van Ness.

CHAPTER II.—Dick overhears a conversation between Blake and Captain Brent of the Pelican which gives him the impression that the yacht is bound on a voyage of adventure to an island the name of which he does not hear.

CHAPTER III.—Acting on impulse, Dick, footloose and ready for any sort of adventure, remembers a hiding place in the main cabin of the yacht and determines to conceal himself and sail—a stowaway—with the party. Stephen Cutler, invalid, comes aboard, with his niece, and the ship sails.

CHAPTER IV.—In his retreat Dick overhears conversations between Blake and Captain Brent which appear to denote something sinister. Believing the cabin empty, Dick emerges from hiding and encounters Marie, Alice Cutler's French maid. Getting back quickly, unrecognized, the girl insists she has seen a "ghost," and is ridiculed. The yacht reaches its apparent destination an island. Dick swims ashore.

CHAPTER V.—On the island next day Van Ness witnesses an exchange of mysterious signals which he realizes are between Blake, at Cutler's house, and Captain Brent, on the yacht. He is present, unseen, while Blake and Marie speak in heated terms of things which add to the mystery of the situation. Sleeping in a boathouse near the dock, Dick is discovered by Alice. He admits he was on the yacht, and she reveals that fact that the servants who should have been at the house are mysteriously absent, only her uncle, Stephen Cutler, Doctor Alster, Blake and herself being on the island. Dick's presence is known only to Alice. The yacht sails, leaving the party.

CHAPTER VI.

Walking unchallenged from the boat house, leaving Alice Cutler white and quiet behind, Dick made a complete tour of the island before any of the other were up.

It was a larger island than he had been led to think. In all it comprised at least several hundred acres, half of it low and flat, and the rest rough and rocky, with the south side ending in a precipitous bluff. The rambling house was built on the highest point, commanding an unobstructed view of the ocean in all directions.

The west side was somewhat sheltered, and a dock had been constructed inside an artificial stone breakwater, that formed a safe basin for boats. It was in this basin that the Pelican had landed its passengers the night before.

In the early morning glow, the island was a shimmering jewel of rare beauty rising abruptly from the sea, half tropical and half temperate in its climate and vegetation. The air was neither sultry nor chilly, but of just the right temperature to soothe jangled nerves without enervating the owner.

Part of the flat side was under cultivation, showing considerable expenditure of time and labor in advance agriculture. Gardens of fruit and vegetables bloomed in the warm sunlight; trees bearing flowers and buds of future crops—tulips, oranges and lemons along with cypresses and oaks—were planted in orderly array along the slope of the hills and on the lower levels; buildings and runs for poultry, game inclosures, pens for sheep and cows, and low, rambling barns and sheds took up considerable space on the west and south sides.

But the north and east, which received the brunt of the storms and pounding seas, were left almost untouched by civilizing hands. Here was a touch of primitive nature—wild, rugged and untamed. The gray walls of rocks beat back the wildest surges of the sea, and the guarled, twisted trees that grew on their sides and tops were mute testimony of their long defiance of wind and waves.

Dick found this side of the island more to his taste. It was possible for one to seek shelter from the storms at any time in the caves, fissures and depressions between the rocks, and in an emergency one could [illegible] living there. Sea birds in sheltered [illegible] squawking [illegible] the

The Den and Tr[illegible]

"With an occasional raid on a hen coop and the dairy, I could live here like a king," Dick observed, whimsically smiling. "A veritable paradise flung down in the ocean."

Not exactly sure of his next move, and unwilling to force matters, Dick lazily explored the rough side of the island, hiding in the caves whenever any suspicious noise alarmed him, and otherwise enjoying himself to the utmost. In this way he spent the morning and early afternoon.

Toward sunset, he was watching the shimmer of the ocean on the north when a tiny speck, bobbing up and down on the waves, attracted his attention. He watched it indifferently at first, and then with more concern. He shaded his eyes with both hands, and came to his feet with an exclama-

"Go on, please," she urged when he topped.

tion of surprise.

"It's somebody clinging to a life-raft!" he said.

He watched it a few moments longer, and then added, "He's nearly all in, and trying to reach the island."

Hurrying down the rocks, he reached the edge of the water. The shipwrecked man on the raft was swimming freely now, with the powerful strokes propelling his frail support toward the island. Dick waved his hands, and shouted:

"This way! I'll help you!"

There seemed to be a moment of indecision on the part of the swimmer, and then as if Dick's words had been the signal he threw up both hands, and called faintly:

"Help! Help!"

Dick lost no time in throwing off his superfluous garments and plunged into the sea. The surf was not heavy, and he had no great difficulty in reaching the exhausted swimmer. He caught the frail raft with a hand and began towing it in.

"Can you hang on it?" he called.

The swimmer nodded, and across the raft eyed Dick rather curiously. He seemed far from being exhausted, and as Dick recalled his recent powerful strokes he wondered.

He was a seaman, with a round, bullet-like head, a scar across one cheek, and a squint in one eye. As most of his body was under water, Dick could only judge of his size and strength by the breadth of the shoulders, bull-like neck and great hairy arms and hands.

"Shipwrecked?" he asked, between two rollers.

The seaman nooded. "What ship?" Dick added a moment later.

"The yacht Pelican!"

Dick almost lost the power of his arms in his surprise, and a big roller tossed hem back a few yards before he could recover from the shock.

They were in the worst of the breakers after that, and it took all their combined strength and skill to battle their way through them to the beach. When they were finally tumbled ashore beyond the reach of the sucking water, Dick dragged himself to his feet and looked at the seaman.

"You say you're from the yacht [illegible]lican?" he said. "What happened? [illegible] you knocked overboard?"

[illegible] sir, I come to get help. I've [illegible] the water for ten hours. Reckon I'd never made land if you hadn't seen me, sir. I was nearly in. What part of the coast is this?"

"The coast? This is an island—Valhalla!"

The man groaned and threw up his arms in despair. "G—d, then I ain't done no good!" he said. "That swim's all fur nothing. I thought I was swimmin' fur the mainland."

He appeared so genuinely grieved and disappointed that Dick said sympathetically, "It's too bad! But tell me about the Pelican. Where is she? And what's happened to her?"

"The usual thing, sir. She ran off the shoals in the storm last night, an' she's goin' to pieces. Can't last twenty-four hours—doomed, sir. It's a pity, sir, she being such a fine boat, and—"

"Where was this?" Dick interrupted.

"Don't know, sir. The captain he said he'd lost his reckonin,' an' couldn't get it until sunup. That's now. But a lot of good it will do him now that I've failed him!"

He let out another groan, and struggled to an upright sitting position. 'You say this is an island?" he added. "You sure it ain't the mainland?"

"I'd hardly make a mistake like that," replied Dick. Then, "If the Pelican's on the rocks why doesn't she summon aid from the shore? She's equipped with wireless."

"Yes, sir, but it ain't working no more. The storm ripped the wires to pieces an' flooded the dynamos. No, sir, the capt'n can't send a message ashore. That's why I volunteered to swim it. I thought I could do it with this raft, but the tide and wind must have drifted me out of my course."

Dick nodded and said nothing. He was thinking hard. Was this a part of the mysterious plot? Or had the yacht been wrecked and the seaman risked his life in an attempt to get help before she went to pieces?

He eyed the man furtively. He recalled his extraordinary strength in battling the waves until he saw Dick and then his subsequent collapse. The man, in spite of appearance, did not seem so terribly exhausted. He was breathing almost normally.

"Can you walk?" Dick asked suddenly. "If so you'd better get up to the house and make a report to Mr. Cutler. It's his yacht—"

He stopped in the middle of his sentence, and stared up at the rocks that rose abruptly from the beach a few yards back from the water's edge. Standing on a projecting ledge within earshot, as if she had just stepped out of the mouth of a sea cave that yawned back of her, was Alice Cutler. Dick was satisfied that she had been there for some time, and had listened to the sailor's story.

"There's Miss Cutler now," he added, pointing. "You can repeat your story to her, or"—slowly, smiling—"perhaps she heard you."

"Yes, I heard," the girl replied gravely. "It won't be necessary to repeat it."

She began making her slippery descent from the rocks. Dick offered a hand to help her, but she ignored it.

"You were one of the sailors on the Pelican," she said, addressing the man. "Yes, I remember your face now. I didn't up there. You're a new man, aren't you? Not one of the old crew that uncle had under Captain Johnston?"

"Yes, ma'am, this is my first cruise in the yacht." The man touched his forehead automatically as he spoke, but Dick thought he detected a bold leer in the eyes. "An' I'm afraid, ma'am, it's the last."

"You have no idea where the yacht is?"

"If I had, ma'am, I'd tell you instantly. The cap'n didn't know either. Mebbe he does now. Pity I hadn't waited until daylight, an' then tried to reach land."

"Yes, it is a pity," replied Miss Cutler, with a peculiar drawl in her voice. "All right," she added briskly. "Go up to the house, and report to—to—Mr. Blake. Uncle's not up yet."

"Yes, ma'am!"

He touched his head again with a hand, and then slowly ambled away. Dick watched him in silence, expecting the girl to follow, but she remained standing until the sailor was out of sight. Then she slowly turned to him.

"I saw him swimming in," she said significantly, "but he didn't seem to need any help until you called. Then I noticed he lost his nerve. Rather strange, wasn't it?"

"Yes, it struck me so," replied Dick seriously. "Even when I hauled him in, I thought he had more strength than I. But the poor fellow may have been frightened. A night in the water would unnerve any one."

"Do you think he was in the water all night?" she asked a little bit too pointedly to suit Dick.

"Why—he said so. I couldn't say."

She gazed at him with a challenging look in her eyes. Dick returned it with a smile of admiration, for with her windblown hair loose, and her eyes flashing with strange emotion, she made a picture of striking beauty. Suddenly she smiled.

"Perhaps I'm misjudging you," she said, "and was harsh with you this morning, but the day's happenings are getting on my nerves. Mr. Blake assumes all responsibility for the disappearance of the yacht last night."

"Yes, he sent it away," Dick replied.

"How did you know that?" she asked sharply. "Are you in his confidence—you were particularly good friends—not after what happened on the dock the other day."

Dick chuckled reminiscently. "You're quite right. We're not good friends."

"Then how'd you know he ordered the yacht away last night?"

"I happened to be strolling around when he sent the signals to Captain Brent."

"What signals? I don't understand."

He paused a moment in decision. Then he shrugged his shoulders. "It may have been a coincidence," he admitted. "He, or some one else, flashed three bright lights from the yacht. After that the Pelican got under way. I took the lights as signals."

The girl frowned and watched him with grave, serious eyes. After a long pause, she asked:

"What were you doing in front of the house at that time of the night?"

"Oh, just hanging around," he answered lightly. "You see I'd been pretty cramped in my narrow birth on the yacht, and I needed a little exercise."

There was still doubt and suspicion in her eyes when, drawing a deep breath, she added, "Where were you on the yacht, that nobody discovered you?"

"In—in—" he hesitated.

"Go on, please," she urged when he stopped.

"you wouldn't believe me if I told you," he answered, smiling. "It would sound a bit too—too improbable."

"Anything seems probable to me now. Go on."

"Well, it was in a secret compartment that only two persons in all the world know of, if we except the architects and builders."

She looked incredulous, but nodded her head. "Who were the two persons?"

"One was the former owner of the Pelican, and he's dead now."

"Mr. Van Ness, you mean?"

Dick nodded.

"And the other?" she added interrogatively.

"I don't think I'll mention the other's name," he replied, shrugging his shoulders. Of course, you know it's I. That's sufficient."

"Yes, that's sufficient," she mused thoughtfully. Then raising her eyes to him, she added: "I wonder how you came in possession of the information, if what you tell me is true. I don't suppose you care to tell me."

"No Miss Cutler, I'd rather not."

(To Be Continued).

Mob Law in U. S. Is Steadily Declining

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1. (United Press)—Mob law in the United States is steadily declining, Dr. R. R. Morton, president of Tuskegee Institute declared in his annual report revealing that there were 16 lynchings last year, the same number as in 1924 but 17 less than in 1923 and 41 less than in 1922.

Of the lyichings 10 were cases where the victim was taken from officers of the law and from jails, two were burned at the stake while three of those lynched had been formally released by the courts.

"There were 39 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings," Dr. Morton said. "Seven of these were in northern states and 32 in the south."

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Palmer, their daughter, Lavera, and son, Orlie, spent last week end with Mr. Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer, north of Gaynor. Other guests at the Palmer home on Christmas day were Gladys Fisher and J. W. Tippie.

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TOLLES QUINT LOSES, 27-22

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A RETURN GAME HERE

Victors, Who Are Close Rivals Of World Champion Hillyards, Will Play In Maryville Soon.

Defeat by a score of 27-22 was meted out to the Tolles Clothing Co. basketball team last night when they met the TasTells aggregation of St. Joseph, but only after a strenuously waged combat that was close all the way.

The score at the end of the first half was a tie at 14-14. Lack of training began to show on the Maryville merchants in the last half but the ice cream merchants never were able to amass a safe lead.

The game was played on the Hillyard court at St. Joseph where the TasTells practice daily. The TasTells recently played a game with the world champion Hillyards and lost by only a few points. They will be brought to Maryville for a return game later this month and the Tolles aggregation is confident of reversing the tables.

The Tolles entry into the tournament of town teams at Easton has been canceled to permit of more training at home and conditioning for later and more important games.

Ellis and Ogden at forwards, Jameson at center, and Smith and Hewitt at guards composed the starting line-up for the clothiers last night. The complete box score follows:

TOLLES (22)	Field G.,	Foul G.
Ellis, f	5	0
Ogden, f.	3	1
Jameson, c	0	1
Smith, g	0	0
Hewitt, g	1	0
Burks, f	1	0
Carter, f	0	0
Eaton, g	0	0
Cockayne, g	0	2
	10	2

TOLLES (22)	Field G.,	Foul G.
Miller, f	4	1
Simon, f and c	3	2
Nichols, c	2	0
Gann, g	1	0
Kindall, g	0	0
Gore, c	1	0
Richmond, g	1	0
Totals	12	3

Number of Important Events in 25 Years

Many Outstanding Achievements In History of World Occur During First Quarter of Century.

(By United Press).

Yesterday marks the end of the first quarter of the Twentieth century, a period which included many of the outstanding events in the history of the world.

Among the most important of these events were:

The Boer war.
The Boxer uprising.
The death of Queen Victoria.
The insurrection in the Philippines.
Marconi's successful wireless transmission.
Assassination of President McKinley.
The first successful airplane flight.
The Russo-Japanese war.
The San Francisco earthquake and fire.
Death of 200,000 in Russian earthquake and tidal wave.
Death of King Edward.
Discovery of North Pole, by Admiral Robert E. Peary.
The Balkan wars.
The discovery of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen.
Formation of Progressive party.
Outbreak of the world war.
The battle of the Marne.
The torpedoing of the Lusitania.
Death of Franz Joseph, king of Austria-Hungary.
Entrance of the United States into world war.
Revolution in Russia.
Adoption of woman suffrage amendment.
Death of Theodore Roosevelt.
Abdication of the Kaiser.
The armistice.
Adoption of prohibition amendment.
Signing of Versailles peace treaty.
Senate repudiation of the League of Nations.
First airplane flight across Atlantic.
Collapse and death of Woodrow Wilson.
Japanese earthquake.
Death of President Harding.
First circumnavigation of globe by airplane.

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Notice to Taxpayers.

As settlement with the county court will not be made until Monday, Polk township taxes paid tomorrow will not be subject to the usual penalty.

Emmett Bartram,
Polk Township Collector.

Kramer Files Replevin Suit Against R. J. Ryan

H. W. Kramer filed a replevin suit against R. J. Ryan in the circuit clerk's office yesterday. According to the petition, Kramer alleges Ryan is unlawfully detaining a two bulb tungar battery charger manufactured by the Armature Service Co., of Kansas City. Kramer asks for the recovery and possession of charger reasonably worth $150 and $50 damages. If charger can not be returned, Kramer seeks $150 together with costs of the suit.

Of course modern kids are a little bit off grade. Their parents were not quite sensible as yours.—Elkhart Truth.

A Hard Year on Dan Cupid

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with four ceremonies. Others with more than one were T. M. Walton, Pickering, and J. J. Cokely, Skidmore, three each; and L. F. Harman, formerly of Clearmont but now at Eagleville, F. E. Hagee, Barnard, W. W. Laughlin, Clearmont, E. N. Garrett, Burlington Junction, Fr. Odilo Schieber, Parnell, Fr. Fidelis Goetz, Conception, and E. W. Croy, Pickering, two each.

The number of marriage licenses issued for each month during the last three years follow:

Month	1923	1924	1925
January	16	10	14
February	19	10	21
March	13	21	18
April	24	15	17
May	15	24	17
June	12	11	23
July	12	10	5
August	15	25	21
September	16	26	18
October	17	16	20
November	13	21	15
December	28	21	20
Totals	200	210	209

J. L. Cole Granted City Pool License

At a special meeting of the city council, held Wednesday afternoon, J. L. Cole was granted a license to continue his pool hall at 113 East Fourth street for a period of six months. He operates four tables.

Electric Theatre
Matinee Sat. 2:30 and 4:10. Admission
Night 7:30 and 9:00 10c and 30c
Tonight only—Bob Custer in "Flashing Spurs." Also International News.
Saturday, January 2—
Bebe Daniels, Kenneth Harlan & T. Roy Barnes in "The Crowded Hour"
The tale of a girl who drained the cup of pleasure and found her soul in the dregs. Also a two reel western, Fred Humes in "THE RIDER OF THE PASS."
Monday and Tuesday, January 4 and 5—
Bert Lytell, Stuart Holmes and Charlotte Merriam in "STEELE OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED"
By James Oliver Curwood. One of the greatest Northwest pictures of the season. Also Monday a comedy, "Smoked Out."

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$1.98